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*Gimbaled Bladder Actuator for
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 20, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the corresponding pending claims with the following:

1. (Amended) A gimbaled bladder actuator, said actuator comprising:

a gimbaled compression pad comprising a holder and a compression member including a substantially planar compression element and a portion in said holder to provide a gimbaled interface;
and

an actuating means in contact with said holder for contacting said gimbaled compression pad with a bladder in a manner sufficient to compress said bladder.

5. (Amended) A gimbaled bladder actuator, said actuator comprising:

(a) a gimbaled compression pad comprising a holder and a compression member including a substantially planar compression element and a portion in said holder to provide a gimbaled interface; and

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